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by John Thorn; Illustrations by Brian Callahan

The grand old game may have been a prominent form of entertainment since the 1800s, but it certainly has gone through some Major changes since its inception. Take a look at some of the more interesting rules and regulations that have been changed from baseball's early days.

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# ON DECK

## Memorable Moments...

Everyone has a special baseball moment from childhood, or even the not-so-distant past that they'll share with future generations... Broadcasters see many more games than the average fan—what do they remember?

### Tom Hamilton

A member of the Indians play-by-play team on SportsRADIO WKNR, Hamilton remembers calling the game on September 9, 1992 at Milwaukee... Robin Yount of the Brewers collected his 3,000th career hit off Indians pitcher Jose Mesa, and he was THERE.

"You see, having grown up in Wisconsin and following the Brewers in general and the career of Yount in particular, this was a real thrill. I remember when Robin broke into the Majors as an 18-year-old. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of getting acquainted with him and he represents all that is good in the game and what a player should be.

"I got tickets to the game for my parents who still live outside Milwaukee. This was history, not something you see every day. You don't know if you'll ever get to call something like this again. I hope I do when Eddie (Murray) does it. anyway, it's always special to be a part of history."

## Spring Training—It's Not Just For Ballplayers

### Winter Haven, FL—

Baseball players are not the only ones who need to get back into shape for the season after a long winter. Sportservice, the official concessionaire for seven Major League ballparks, geared up for the baseball months with a spring training session of their own—at the Indians Chain of Lakes park!

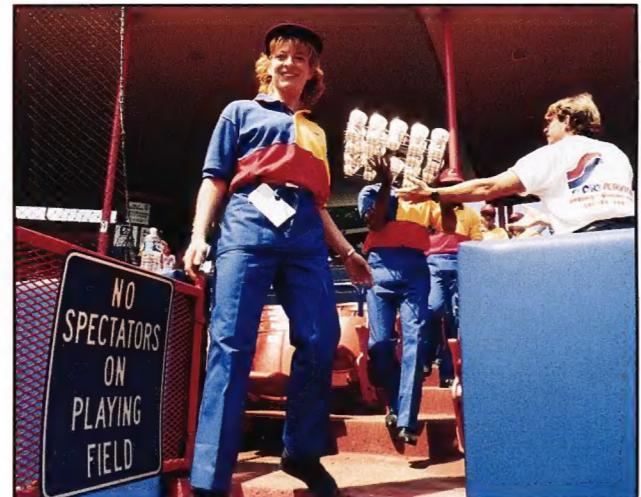
Each of the seven parks sent a food service representative to participate in "Vendor Spring Training Day" on April 19.

The ice cream team was put through a rigorous workout in order to increase their stamina and prepare them for the long hours in warm temperatures they will have to endure shortly. Workouts were scheduled with Keith Drummond, the aerobics fitness consultant to ESPN's "Bodies in Motion" and "Fitness Formula." Drummond conducted on-field training, complete

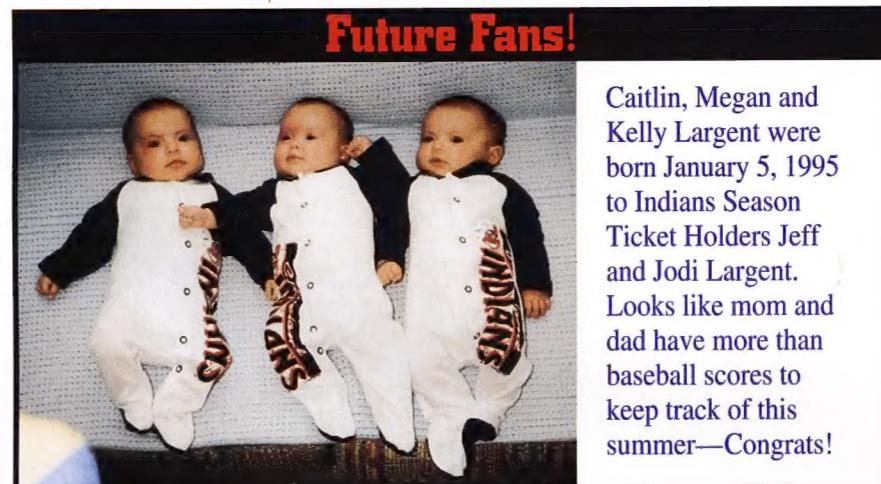
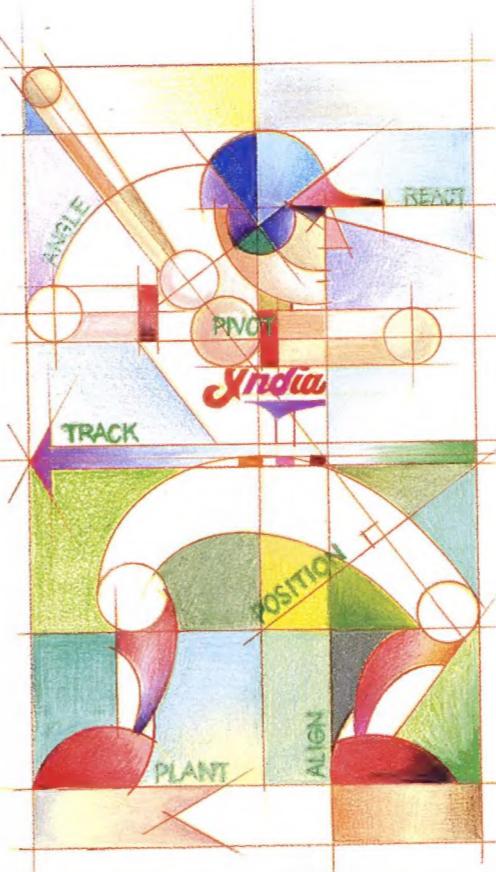
with cooler push-ups for endurance, peanut tossing for arm strength, stair climbing for leg stamina and diaphragm exercises for vocal projection.

The All-Stars chosen to participate in the program were: Mike "La Cold One" LaPapa (Corniskey Park, Chicago), Marvin "Corn Dog" Cobb (Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati), Sharon "Ice, Ice, Baby" Svec (Jacobs Field, Cleveland), John "Red Hot" Hunter (The Ballpark in Arlington), Steven "The Kernel" Branch (Tiger Stadium, Detroit), Rodney "Bad Hops" Spaulding (County Stadium, Milwaukee) and Russell "Pop Fill-ups" Phillips (Busch Stadium, St. Louis).

"We feel it's important for our vendors to be in mid-season form when the gates open at the beginning of the season," said Michael Thompson, president of Sportservice. "We're glad Major League Baseball is back and we're looking forward to having fun at the Ballpark this summer."



Sharon Svec, Jacobs Field representative in the Sportservice Olympics in Winter Haven this spring, gets psyched up for the season as well as getting in shape.



### Future Fans!

Caitlin, Megan and Kelly Largent were born January 5, 1995 to Indians Season Ticket Holders Jeff and Jodi Largent. Looks like mom and dad have more than baseball scores to keep track of this summer—Congrats!

ball. You need to have confidence at the plate, and a good bat will help you gain that psychological edge.

Once you have chosen a bat that is right for you, the next thing to work on is your grip.

The simplest process is to hold the bat in front of you as if it were an ax. Lay the bat handle at the joint where your fingers meet your hands and close your hands around the bat handle. Bring the bat up and you have the proper grip for you. If your knuckles are not lined up straight, you will see that they are very close.

Never place the bat in the palm of your hand. The bat will be hard to control and your wrists will be stiff—your grip will be too hard. The correct way is to keep the top hand loose, and the bottom hand firmer (it will start the bat). It is very important to be relaxed, especially the top hand.

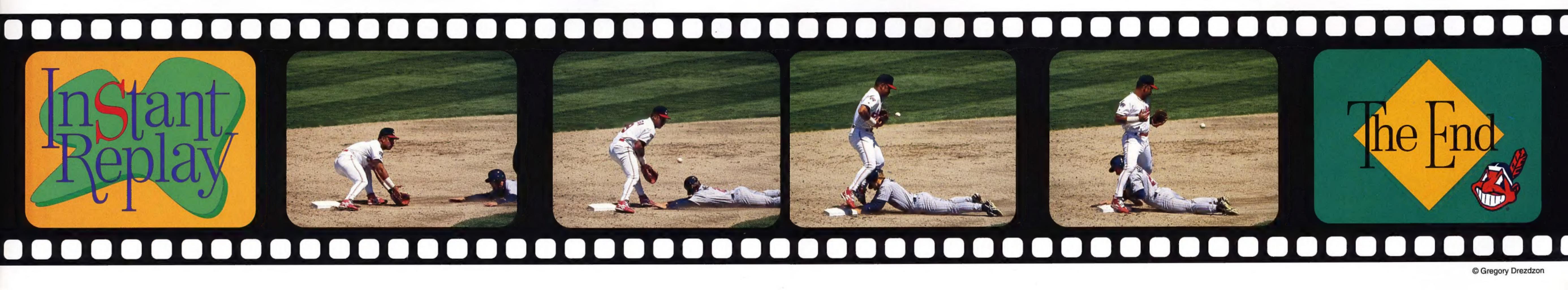
### "snickers"

"Say Satch, tell me, was Abraham Lincoln a crouch hitter?"  
—Lefty Gomez, poking fun at the ageless Satchel Paige

"I don't know how old I am because a goat ate the bible that had my birth certificate in it. The goat lived to be 27." —Satchel Paige

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# GET IN ON A GREAT OUTING!

### Let's Get Together!

An interest in the grand old game has again unfolded with a new season of Indians baseball at Jacobs Field to enjoy.

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Fri.	April 14	7:05pm	CAL
Tues.	April 18	7:05pm	SEA
Tues.	May 9	7:05pm	KC
Wed.	May 24	7:05pm	MIL

### A Picnic Lover's Paradise!

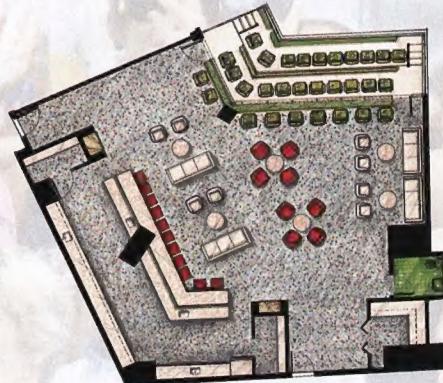
If you love good food and baseball, the **Davey Tree Picnic Plaza** is the place for you! Located in center field near the Indians bullpen, the Davey Tree Picnic Plaza is a park-like, multi-tiered area where your group of 30 or more can enjoy the fun of tailgating without the hassles! A variety of menus are available, including a box lunch menu, and a special kids menu. Space is limited, so make plans early. Call (216) 420-HITS for details.

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By Allen Davis

His baby-faced looks belie the abundance of his talent. Manny Ramirez, just turned 23 years old, has proven that he belongs in the Major Leagues. Indians fans who have seen his display of power at the plate and his strong throws from right field, are only witnessing the tip of the iceberg. Ramirez has the potential to become one of baseball's all-time offensive leaders, worthy of being mentioned in the same breath with Ken Griffey, Jr., Frank Thomas or even teammate, Albert Belle.

It may be too early to equate Ramirez with those established stars, but the Tribe outfielder is determined to be on their level before long. He came to spring training with a determination never before seen by his teammates or coaches.

"I came to spring training with a goal," said Ramirez. "I was going to show the coaches and my teammates that I can do it all. I wanted to earn their respect."

Though he finished behind Kansas City's Bob Hamelin in the race for 1994 American League "Rookie of the Year" honors, Ramirez had already established himself as one of the most honored players ever in the Indians organization. He came to the Majors armed with a host of minor league awards.

From the time he was in high school, where he was named New York City Public Schools "High School Player of the Year," he has made people take notice. In all of his three years at George Washington High School from 1989 to 1991 he received All-City honors.

In '93, he was named Minor League "Player of the Year" by *Baseball America* after a season at AA Canton-Akron and AAA Charlotte in which he combined for a .333 BA, 31 homers and 115 RBI. While at Canton-Akron, he was named to the AA post-season All-Star Team. In 1992 at Kinston, he was named "Most Exciting Player" in the Carolina League.

In his first year of professional baseball in the Appalachian

League, he was named "Player of the Year" for all short-season leagues. The list goes on.

To talk to Ramirez, however, you would never get the impression that he's such an honored athlete. At times, he's almost painfully shy around strangers. Though he wouldn't be considered extremely talkative, even among friends, he appears to be coming out of his social shell. On the ballfield it's a different story. His bat does more than its share of talking for him.

Indians hitting instructor, Charlie Manuel, managed the Tribe's AAA team for four years and had Ramirez in Charlotte for about a month in '93.

"He did nothing but hit home runs and knock in runs and had a high batting average," Manuel said. "Fundamentally, Manny was a real good minor league hitter."

Manuel, who tends to go overboard in his praise of young players (but most often is right), thinks it's just a matter of time before Ramirez establishes himself in the Majors.

"He's going to be one of the big star hitters in this league in a couple of years," insisted Manuel.

Stardom has been predicted for Ramirez from the time he was taken by the Indians with the 13th overall pick in the first round of the June, 1991 draft. There was no doubt he could hit, but his defense was suspect. When he was called up for the first time in September of 1993, there were doubts about his play in the outfield. Manager Mike Hargrove used him mostly at designated hitter because of those doubts. In spring of '94, Ramirez worked at improving his defense and earned a spot on the Major League roster. So far, Ramirez has silenced the skeptics.

Like most young players, Hargrove felt it was a question of consistency on defense that was holding Ramirez back. Dave Nelson, who coaches the outfielders, thinks Ramirez has worked hard at developing that defensive consistency.

"He worked as hard as anybody on our ballclub," Nelson said.

"At first, he was fielding grounders on the wrong foot. His routes to the ball weren't very good. He's worked

hard to correct those deficiencies."

Manny Ramirez learned to play baseball on the streets of his native Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Like every youngster, he had childhood idols. He dreamed of following in the footsteps of fellow Dominican George Bell and Ruben Sierra of Puerto Rico. Those dreams took an unusual turn in 1986 when his family moved to the Washington Heights area of New York City. Ramirez remembers the drastic changes.

"When I arrived in the United States, I liked it a lot," he recalled. "There was a lot to see. I had never seen snow before. You don't see that in Santo Domingo."

But snow was just an element of deception that blanketed the cold, harsh realities of life. That initial fascination melted for the 13-year-old Ramirez when he stepped inside a classroom. Admittedly not fond of books, school was even more demanding because of his problems with English.

"It was very difficult for me," he confessed. "I didn't know the language and it was hard to learn."

But baseball is baseball in any language. At the first opportunity, he signed up to play with a local sandlot team.

It was baseball that kept Manny Ramirez from falling into the turbulence of crime and drugs that riddled his Washington Heights neighborhood. His training regimen

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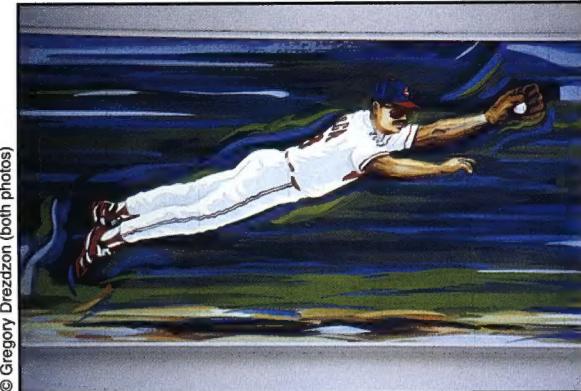


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# Jacobs Field Trivia — Test your knowledge!

1. How many lamps does it take to light up the game-in-progress board (the large black and white display in the center of the scoreboard)?  
A. 39,492  
B. 20,000  
C. 34,816  
D. 28,391
2. How many trash cans are located throughout the concourses at Jacobs Field?  
A. 575  
B. 102  
C. 396  
D. 476
3. How many TV and radio broadcast booths (for both visiting and home teams) are located within the Press Box?  
A. 9  
B. 8  
C. 4  
D. 12

4. How many feet around the field is the warning track?  
A. 1,675 ft.  
B. 900 ft.  
C. 2,392 ft.  
D. 1,246 ft.
5. How many sponsored pavers are in Indians Square?  
A. 10,000  
B. 889  
C. 996  
D. 10,500



6. How many "Beers of the World" are offered at the Patio on the Main Concourse?  
A. 14  
B. 19  
C. 6  
D. 11
7. How many acres of land is the Ballpark built on?  
A. 10  
B. 15  
C. 18  
D. 12

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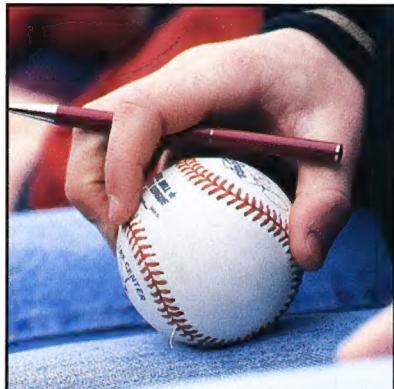
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8. How many works of player art are visible to all fans in the Upper and Lower Concourse of the Ballpark?

- A. 21
- B. 28
- C. 16
- D. 19



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11. How many televisions are throughout Jacobs Field?

- A. 646
- B. 392
- C. 723
- D. 899

12. Based on a full house, how many hot dogs are consumed during a game?

- A. 36,600
- B. 42,800
- C. 25,250
- D. 30,750

13. How many pounds of dirt does it take to build a regulation pitchers mound?

- A. 6 tons (12,000 pounds)
- B. 1 ton (2,000 pounds)
- C. 4 tons (8,000 pounds)
- D. 7 tons (14,000 pounds)

14. How many 1,500 watt light bulbs are used in the light towers at Jacobs Field?

- A. 582
- B. 356
- C. 453
- D. 676

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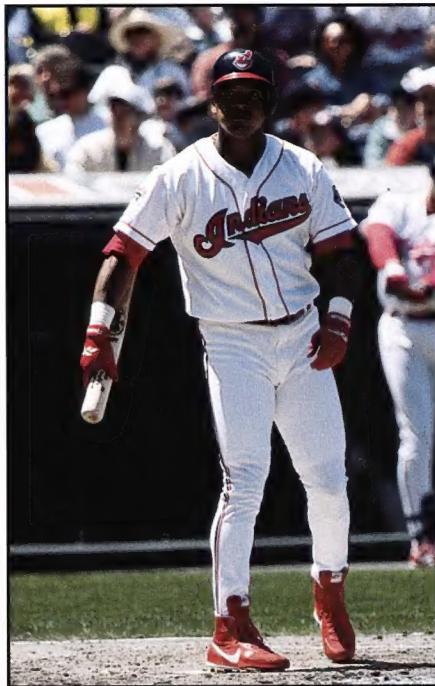
was like something out of a "Rocky" movie. He would get up at 4:30am and run up a steep hill with an automobile tire around his waist.

That's how it was done in Santo Domingo and Ramirez would do the same in the States to fulfill his dream.

The rewards of his hard work were witnessed by all his friends and family at Yankee Stadium, September 3, 1993, when in only his second Major League game, Ramirez slammed two home runs and a ground rule double to the delight of a group of about 60 from his neighborhood who made the noise of about 600. They waved flags and put on a celebration befitting a national hero. Make no mistake about it, in Washington Heights, Manny Ramirez is a hero.

"Everyone in the neighborhood is very proud to have seen me make it out of there," Ramirez said. "When I go back I know the dangers, but I have a lot of people there who know me and take care of me."

Though miles away from his father, Aristides, his mother, Onelcida and his four older sisters, he stays in constant touch with them.



knowing how to cook or do much of anything. When I first got to Burlington, I wanted to go back home. I even told the manager I wanted to leave. Thankfully I didn't.

"My mother had a telephone credit card and in the first month it was up to \$800. I called everybody, all my buddies back home, my girlfriend, everybody."

Ramirez laughs at the memory of those days.

"The big difference now," he said, "is that I'm more accustomed to being on my own. I'm a little more experienced and it's easier to be away from home and my family for long periods of time."

Ramirez also has the benefit of an extended family in the Indians clubhouse. The other Latin American ballplayers, of which there are eight on the roster, are a constant source of support. He invariably seeks them out for advice. They, in turn, ensure the impressionable youngster maintains his priorities.

"The veterans have helped me out a lot," he said. "Tony Pena, Eddie Murray, Dave Winfield—those are people that have played

They visit often and he calls home just about every day. Now that he is pretty well established in Cleveland, he plans to move his family here.

Those close family ties helped him survive the loneliness of his first year of professional baseball in Burlington in 1992.

"That was a difficult change for me," Ramirez reflected. "I left home for the first time in my life without

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this game for almost 20 years. They're a good influence and give me good advice. I go to them in certain situations. I can learn a lot from them."

Ramirez's locker is next to Pena's, so naturally he seeks Pena out more than the others.

His biggest booster on the club, however, is pitcher Julian Tavarez.

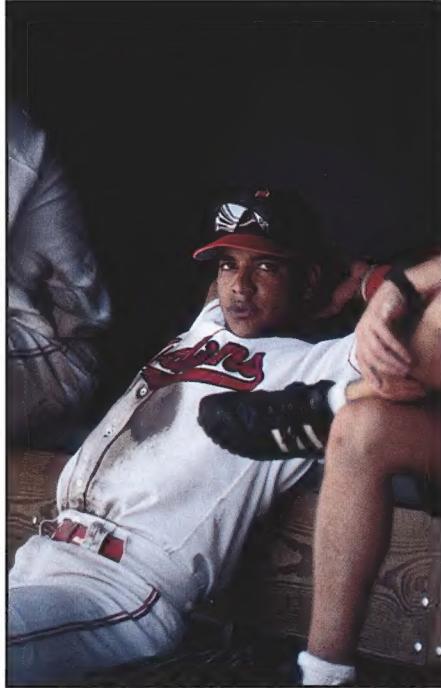
The two are one year apart in age and are almost constantly together.

"He keeps track of my hits," Ramirez laughed. "When I run out to right field, he yells at me from the bullpen, 'let's go, Rambo.' That pumps me up."

They are also the victims of many of the veterans' practical jokes.

Ramirez has very few interests outside of baseball. He enjoys movies and music, but it's in the clubhouse where he feels most comfortable. Whether lifting weights or working in the batting cage, Ramirez can be found most often doing something that is baseball related. He makes baseball look easy, but he has worked to make it, so it is basically all he knows.

If there was anything positive to



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be gained out of the recent strike, it's that it made Ramirez realize how much he missed the sport and how quickly it could be taken away.

"I felt bad," he said. "I couldn't imagine not playing this game. What could I do? I'm not a student. I don't have any other profession. If baseball were over, I couldn't say I would go work at something else. It made me appreciate baseball more.

"It showed me the need to learn something else. To develop myself outside of baseball—I don't know how I'll do it, but I know I will."

But like the veterans he admires, Ramirez hopes to play baseball for a long time and to become as complete a player as they are.

"We'll just give it time to see what happens," he said.

So in the meantime, he reports to right field for another day at the office.

#### Answers to Battle of Wits, page 98:

**Beginning at bottom center and moving clockwise:** batter, with bat, batting helmet and batting gloves; bathing beauty, in a bathing suit, carrying a bathing cap; battering ram; Batavia, NY; a bathroom, with bathtub and bath towel; a baton; a bathysphere (or bathyscaphe); battlements atop fort towers; the Battle of Midway; a battleship; bat day; Battery Park and Battery Park City in Manhattan; batteries; a wombat; the Battle of Little Bighorn (General George Armstrong Custer); the Battle of Gettysburg; Battle Creek, Michigan (Kellogg's); a bat in flight; Bartholomew "Bat" Masterson; Batman; a battle-ax; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; batter's boxes.

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## HOW TO SCORE

Baseball fans can enjoy the sport to the fullest extent by keeping track of the game and pinpointing those big plays that bring victory or defeat. All you need is a basic knowledge of the rules.

Although there are countless scoring methods, experts use a simple code based on numbering players by position and tracing action through the use of symbols. It's easy and fun.

In fact, why not devise your own scoring system with the basic suggestions on this page.

One such suggestion on player substitutions is to use a heavy or wavy line under or over a box to indicate a change, either of a player or batter.

If a batter flies to the rightfielder, merely use the figure 9. If it is a foul fly, use 9F.

Now that you are an official "scorer," you can really enjoy baseball games.

Team	Pos.	1	2
Rightfielder	9	4-6 W	Walked and was forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop).
2nd Baseman	4	3 ④FO	Reached first on fielder's choice when runner was forced out, advanced to third on double by 3rd place hitter, scored on 4th place hitter's sacrifice fly.
1st Baseman	3	=	Doubled; did not advance further.
Centerfielder	8	SF 8	Flied out to center field scoring runner on third.
Designated Hitter	DH	K	Struck out—end of the inning.
Leftfielder	7	4-6	Singled; later forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop in first half of double play).
Catcher	2	DP 4-6-3	Hit into double play (2nd baseman to shortstop to 1st baseman).
3rd Baseman	5	⑤	Hit home run.
Shortstop	6	7	Flied out to leftfielder—end of inning.
Pitcher	1		
TOTALS	R H	1 1	1 2

### USE THESE SYMBOLS FOR PLAYS

— Single	FC	Fielder's Choice	PB	Passed Ball
— Double	HP	Hit by Pitcher	BK	Balk
— Triple	WP	Wild Pitch	K	Struck Out
— Home Run	SB	Stolen Base	BB	Base on Balls
E Error	SH	Sacrifice Hit	FO	Forced Out
F Foul Fly	SF	Sacrifice Fly	IW	Intentional Walk
DP Double Play	CS	Caught Stealing		

### CAN YOU SCORE THIS PLAY?

The ball was hit to the shortstop, who threw it to the second baseman. The second baseman was able to force out the runner who had been at first. He then threw the ball to the first baseman to get the batter out, turning a double play.



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BK SB  
WP W

In this example, the hitter reached first base on a walk, stole second, advanced to third on pitcher's balk, scored on a wild pitch.



# COMMUNITY RELATIONS

## CLEVELAND INDIANS CHARITIES

Cleveland Indians Charities was established in 1989 with the purpose of making a Major League impact in the areas of youth education and recreation. Through fund raising events such as the CIC Golf Classic, Stop-n-Shop's SpringFest, Jacobs Field tours, the CIC Luncheon Series and several concourse game booths, nearly \$500,000 has been raised for numerous organizations in northeast Ohio during the past six years. Some organizations and programs that benefit from CIC's efforts are: Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, Luke Easter Park, the Community Fund for Assisting Missing Youth (A.M.Y.), Shoes for Kids, Rookie League, Larry Doby RBI, Cleveland Indians Academy, United Way, the United Negro College Fund, Cleveland Baseball Federation and Esperanza, Inc.

## CLEVELAND INDIANS ACADEMY

In its second year at Joseph M. Gallagher Middle School, the Cleveland Indians Academy is helping students at risk of dropping out achieve and stay in school. They are learning social and academic skills to help them succeed in high school and in life. The four major components of the program include: academic instruction, support services, mentoring/job experiences and transition into high school. Through Cleveland Indians Charities, the Academy will receive \$150,000 during a three-year period.

## ESPERANZA, INC.

The Indians have found a partner in the Hispanic community by working with Esperanza, an organization dedicated to the educational enrichment of Hispanic youths in Greater Cleveland. Second baseman Carlos Baerga has personally donated a college scholarship for the past three years to a deserving student at the annual Fiesta of Hope Scholarship Luncheon. This year's Fiesta of Hope Luncheon celebration is scheduled for June 23. Please call 651-7178 for more detailed information.

## LARRY DOBY RBI PROGRAM

The Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program, **presented by SportsChannel**, continues to grow. Last summer it was officially renamed after Indians alumnus Larry Doby. In its third year, the league provides urban youths with an opportunity to learn and play baseball. The league extends past that goal and

stresses positive self-esteem, attendance, sportsmanship and positive life skills.

Games are played at League Park. With help from United Black Fund, local and national sponsors, the program includes playoff games, tournaments and an RBI World Series trip for the All-Stars to a Major League city.



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## UNITED WAY HOME RUN DERBY

This annual program enlists corporate support for each home run hit during the season by the United Way Home Run Derby player chairman. For doing what he does best, Albert Belle has helped raise more than \$108,000 in four years for United Way through the Home Run Derby program. In eight years, Tribe sluggers have been instrumental in raising more than \$200,000 for United Way's area programs and services.

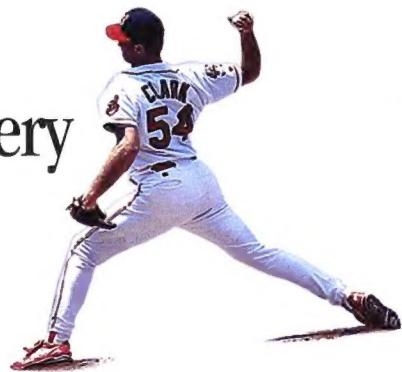


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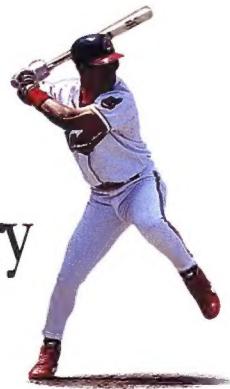
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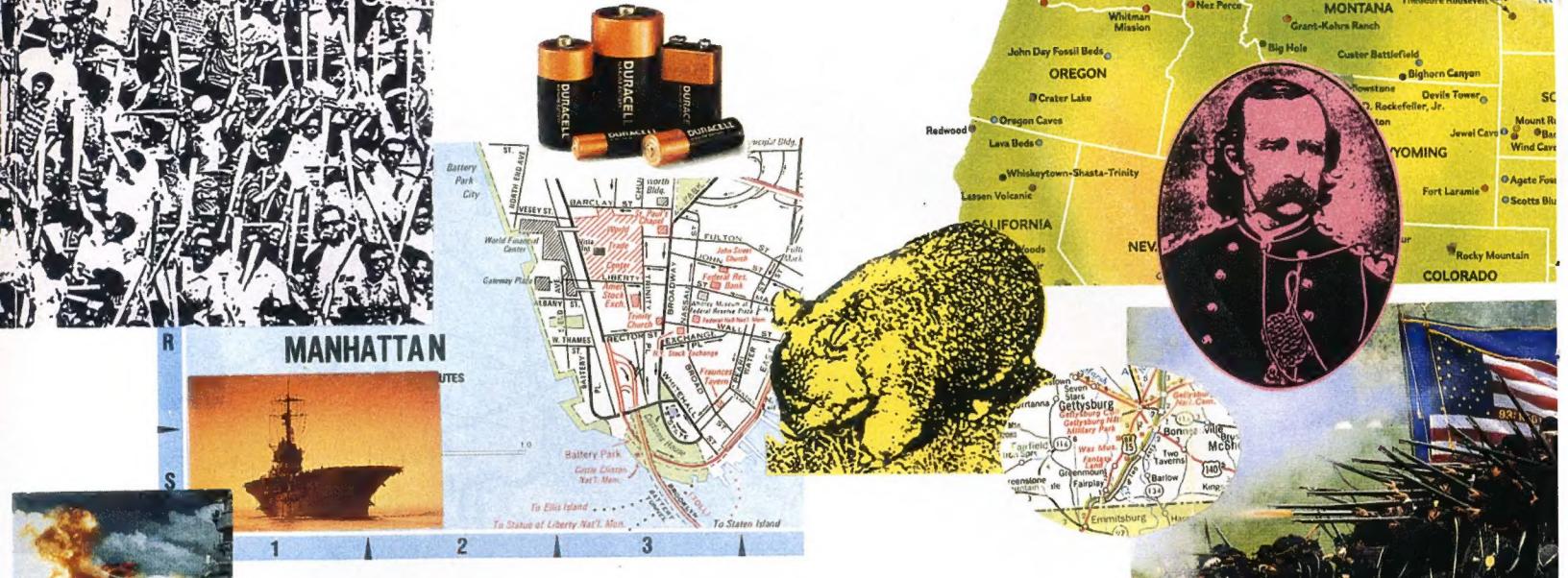
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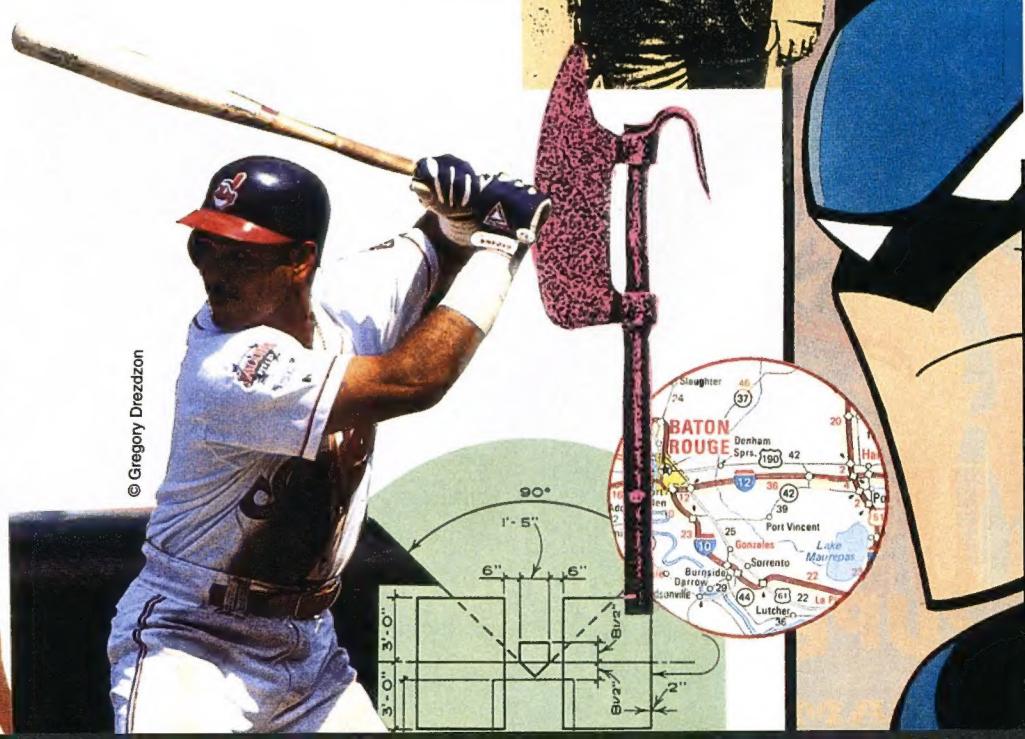




## BATTLE OF WITS

Have you got what it takes to solve this puzzle without going batty? Try to identify all the items with B-A-T in their name.

You'll be batting a thousand if you find more than 25. Come on out swinging! Answers on page 51.



## BOTTOM OF THE NINTH



Credit: Gregory Deraszow

**Okay, so you can stand on one leg and chew gum at the same time... Now try patting your head while rubbing your stomach.**